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We are now selling blankets at prices that are one-third and in some cases one-half less than they will be in one month from now.

We bought blankets early, taking advantage of the low prices which prevailed. To our customers we say, "Buy now; you will save money."

100 pairs all wool blankets; the actual worth of these blankets is \$6.

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Local News!

MR. PLUNKETT TALKS

Preparations for Receiving the Presidential Party in This City.

COL. MERRIAM TO BE MARSHAL

Mr. Plunkett Will Not Influence the President to Visit any Place or Person. He Comes to Rest. What Col. Goetting Wants.

The arrangements for receiving the presidential party are undergoing change and are nearing completion. The following letter was issued today:

DEAR SIR: You are hereby appointed marshal to take charge of and assign places to the military companies and Grand Army posts on the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States and members of his cabinet to our city.

Respectfully yours,
S. PROCTOR TRAYNER,
Acting Mayor.

The program as printed in yesterday's Transcript will be carried out. Some few additions will be made. Among those from this city who will meet the presidential party and escort it to the fair grounds are Senator Lawrence, Representatives Richmond and Magenis, Col. John Dracowell, president of the senate and the committees of the council chosen Tuesday evening to consider the appropriation for the presidential exercises. There are now some signs of decorating. The city hall is being put in gay trimmings. The decorating at the fair grounds is proceeding.

The decorators are at work at Adams this morning and the display of flags and bunting and pictures of President McKinley will be numerous. The office of W. B. Plunkett will be tastefully decorated, and "Old Glory" will wave a welcome to the presidential party from the top of the largest mill of its kind in the country.

Mr. Plunkett was seen this morning at his residence and in substance said:

I have just received a telegram from the President's stenographer saying that in the day he will wire me the exact time the party will reach Albany. I am not yet sure over which route the President will come. It may be by way of the Pittsburgh system or the Boston & Albany by the way of Albany. I expect, however, that he will come by the latter route. There will be a special train and I think they will arrive about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. After breakfast and a rest the party will go to North Adams reaching there about 2 or 3.30. The program in North Adams has already been fully given. On the return on Wednesday the time will be spent at my home and an opportunity given the President to rest. I assured him when I saw him a few days ago that if he would come here he should have an ample opportunity for rest and recreation.

I have received already nearly a score of invitations for the President to do this or do that, but aside from the North Adams visit on Wednesday there is no itinerary established for the time the President and his party will remain in Berkshire. I cannot reply personally at this time to all these invitations and I would like to say to the people through the columns of the press that all these invitations will be laid before the President and he will then do as he pleases without influence from me. If he desires to rest and have a few carriage rides and meet a few people his wishes will be followed. Personally I enjoy meeting large bodies of people and bustle and excitement.

If the President desires to accept the invitation of the people of Franklin County to visit their coaching parade at Greenfield on Friday I shall be pleased to have him. The invitation of Mr. Wood to give his residence for the use of the President's party is a generous one and is appreciated.

President McKinley has received an invitation from John Sloan of Lenox to visit him at his Lenox cottage on Friday. The President and Mr. Sloan were members of the committee on ways and means of the house of representatives and are personal friends. Mr. Sloan is very anxious that the President should come there and has planned a reception for Friday, continuing of course, on the acceptance of the President.

"I have an idea that we shall visit Wil. Hinchman, Lenox and Stockbridge and probably Great Barrington, but I desire to emphasize the statement that there is no definite plan for the six days the President and his friends will remain in Berkshire with the exception of the program for Wednesday. I have just received a telegram from Senator Henry Cabot Lodge saying that he will reach North Adams at 1.20 Wednesday. Congressman Walker has also written me this morning saying that he will be present. The North Adams people I understand have other acceptances. Secretary Long and Mrs. Long will arrive this evening, coming direct from Boston. They will be the guests of my brother, Charles T. Plunkett. Col. Goetting, the chairman of the Republican state committee, has written me that he will be here this evening. He desires to induce the President to attend the Republican state convention at Boston on the 29th. I am confident, from what the President said to me that Col. Goetting's mission will be unsuccessful. The President has a busy time before him when he returns to Washington, and it cannot be put too strongly that he comes to Berkshire for rest. I presume on Sunday he will attend the Congregational church of which Rev. A. B. Penniman is the pastor."

Mr. Plunkett is the superintendent of the Sunday school of this church, and there is reason to believe that the President will make a short address to the children.

Col. F. S. Richardson of this city, who has just been appointed inspector general on the staff of General Matthews, is in something of a dilemma this morning. He has been asked to be the chief marshal of the parade on Wednesday, but he has been ordered to appear before the examining board in Boston on Wednesday.

Let every friend of George P. Lawrence who is a Republican be at his ward caucus tonight. Defeat the still hunters.

Will Be a Handicap.

It has been announced in some of the papers that a three-mile bicycle race for a \$20 suit pattern would take place at the fair Wednesday afternoon. The suit is given by E. Bernard and the race will be a handicap for North Adams riders only.

Our barber shop will be closed from 1 until 5 o'clock Wednesday and on Thursday at 1 o'clock for the balance of the day.

BY TELEGRAPH.

DECISION TODAY.

The Mooted Tariff Question Affecting International Railroads Up for Final Settlement.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—It is announced this morning that Attorney General McKenna's decision on section 22 of the tariff law will be given to the public after the cabinet meeting today and before the president and party leave for Berkeley.

The friends of the western continental railroads who have been watching the matter closely are greatly discouraged today and are strongly of the opinion that the decision will be against them. Senator Elkins, who has been here for several days, in the interest of a construction of the section that will be favorable to both American railroads and the American merchant marine practically gave up the fight this morning.

He believes the decision will impose the

Local News!

Mabel Harrington.

Mabel, the 15-years-old daughter of Newman Harrington of Benbow, died this afternoon.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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A special weather report to the Times at 3 o'clock today says: In western Massachusetts tomorrow. Let it be so.

Ladies clean your kid gloves with Miller's glycerine. It is not a liquid, leaves no odor and can be used while the gloves are on the hand. For sale only by Harrington & Dwyer's drug store.

The place to get your oysters in all styles, clam chowder, coffee, sandwiches, cigars, soft drinks, etc., at the Hoosac Valley fair is under the grand stand. Remember the place.

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Let him come

Let the President of the United States pay Berkshire a visit. Let him come to North Adams and be given a royal welcome.

It is very fitting that the home of such mighty industries and the men who made them great should be visited by the chief executive just at this time.

We feel proud of our young city and to be in a position to serve its citizens. Yes,

Cutting Corner is prepared

to meet every demand made upon its resources at this time. We are prepared to do it in good shape, by the right treatment of every patron, and right price on every article sold. Cutting made means dependable goods at popular prices. Fall suits \$5 to 25, that combine fit, wear, and style. Fall overcoats \$5 to 15. Mackintoshes \$4 to 15. Light and dark shades. New umbrellas, hats, and neckwear for fair week.

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First Piano Recital.

The first piano recital under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church will be given in the Congregational house this evening. Miss Kate Arnold of North Adams and Joseph Hunter of Blackinton, well known vocalists, will assist. The program is as follows:

PART I.

Piano solo—Selected Miss Daisy Hicks. Anon

Song—Light of Ages Miss Kate Arnold. Chapin

Piano solo—Polonaise, in A Miss Baker.

Violin solo—Selected Miss Harwood.

Piano solo Miss Daisy Hicks.

PART II.

Piano solo—Natalie Miss Baker. J. B. Archer

Song—A. Geraldine b. Muriel. Franz

Violin solo Miss Harwood. Anon

Song—Three Rosema Joseph Hunter. Nevin

Piano solo—Nardessus Miss Baker.

Officers Installed.

At a special meeting of Berkshire Lodge F. and A. M. held Monday evening Past Deputy Ray, Richmond installed the following officers: H. E. Harrington W. M., David Follett S. W., C. E. Beave J. W., Asa S. Harrington treasurer, Edwin F. Jenks secretary, Rev. Louis Lohrer chaplain, Arthur H. Streeter marshal, Willis Brewster S. D., S. L. Hall J. D., P. P. Smith S. S., W. T. Adams J. S., John Manchester I. S., Dr. C. W. Burton organist, W. S. Harmon Tyler. Handsome pastmasters' jewels were presented. Wor. Bros. George H. Holden and H. E. Harrington, who fittingly responded.

Probably Stolen.

There is a stolen bicycle, which although it is pretty well bespattered with mud, is quite a good machine and of good make. It was found on Center street early Monday morning in front of J. W. Stiffler & Co.'s store. Rain was pouring down and as there seemed to be no owner for it, the officer brought it to the police station where it awaits the owner. It is probably a stolen wheel and if the owner can prove his property it will be given him. If not the officers will have good suits made and give exhibitions of fancy riding on Park street.

A Handsome Window.

The first to decorate for the coming of President McKinley was James T. Baker, who has trimmed one of his show windows in first class style. In the center of the window is an exact picture of the president. It is a large and beautiful portrait and is of the oilograph style. On either side of the picture and covering the background is national bunting, arranged so that the folds hang in an easy and pleasing way. The work was done by Mr. Baker and is worthy of credit.

Kindergarten School Opened.

It was at first thought that the kindergarten school which was started last spring would be re-opened this fall. However it is pleasing to state that the school has been re-opened and started Monday morning with a class of 15 scholars. Everyone knows the worth of such a school and ought to help in its support. Miss Nova Nash, teacher, is a graduate of one of the best schools in Boston and is experienced and capable. The school will accommodate a dozen or more scholars.

Special Town Meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of selectmen was held Monday evening and it was decided to call a special town meeting Saturday, October 2, to see what action the town will take in regard to the proposed new road from this town to North Adams. The particulars concerning this road have been printed in THE TRANSACTOR before and North Adams is in favor of such a road. The voters of the town should be present and heartily support the proposition and let us have a more direct and better road to the Tunnel city.

Dissolved Partnership.

The firm of Cook & Thatchers, dealers in coal and wood, with their office on Pleasant street, has been dissolved and hereafter Mr. Cook will conduct the business alone. He will assume all indebtedness and collect all bills of the former management. E. J. Noble who was bookkeeper for the old firm has resigned his position.

Republican Caucus.

The Republicans will hold a caucus in the opera house this evening to elect delegates to the state, congressional, senatorial, congressional, representative and county conventions. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

District Court.

Three cases for drunkenness were disposed of in court Monday morning. The defendants were fined \$5 each. Charles W. Bond was in court for non-support and the case was continued for one week. The couple reside at Zylionite.

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POCKET-BOOK STOLEN.

A theft is said to have been committed at the home of Mrs. Robert Young at Renfrew a few days ago when her pocket-book was stolen from a table in the kitchen. It contained nothing but receipts and a few cents and was worth but little to the thief. Mrs. Young suspects a peddler whom she said called at the house on the day on which she missed it.

Rev. F. D. C. Moran and Wyman visited in Winchendon Monday. The Epworth league will serve a supper at the Methodist church Wednesday evening. During the afternoon ice cream will be sold.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tower have returned from their wedding trip and are living with Mr. Tower's parents on Hoosac street.

A son was born Monday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Baker of North Summer street.

Caldwell W. Plunkett has resumed his studies at Williams college.

Miss Edith Simmons has returned to Wellesley college at Wellesley.

The funeral of Alfred Berger was held this morning. A quartet from the German Singing club rendered appropriate music. Let everybody decorate in honor of the president, who will arrive in town between 9 and 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The mills and schools will close in the afternoon and all will go to the fair in North Adams to hear him speak.

Nelson Daniels has returned from North Adams, where he had charge of Lyons' photograph gallery for a month, and reopened his own gallery on Cole avenue.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/3 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

READSBORO ITEMS.

—George Rogers has moved into the Stafford house on Stone street which he recently purchased.

—Charles L. Bullock has been spending a few days among his old friends in town.

—A. P. Carpenter was accompanied by his bride on his trip to Readsboro last week. Congratulations were freely bestowed.

—The potato crop is very light in this vicinity this year. Several farmers have disposed of their whole crop at eighty-five cents a bushel. Many say the crop is about forty per cent of what it should be.

—Mrs. F. G. Lackey and son, John, of Stratton, have been visiting at A. W. Harrington's.

—Charles Laffeur has taken the new Italian store to build by the job.

—Miss Lulu Boyd gave a corn roast party last Thursday evening. This party was something of a novelty and was a very pleasant affair. All present had a nice time.

The National Metal Edge Box Co. is laying a four inch pipe from the village main along side the railroad track to their mill and will put in another hydrant.

—W. E. Goldthwait has a new kind of sweet corn valued at 50 cents an ear. Further information can be had from the boys.

—Mrs. Ella Blanchard and sister, Mrs. Clarence Griffith, of Springfield are visiting Mrs. Sophia Fay.

The small boys have organized a baseball nine called the Crescents, and played their first game Saturday with the second nine from Monroe Bridge. The Crescents won 31 to 13.

Several days ago Father Barron, accompanied by a friend, left here about 1 p. m. on his wheel for a visit to Readsboro. He visited Stamford, Hartwellville and North Adams, returning home from the latter city, reaching here about 1 o'clock in the morning. The entire distance he rode was 66 miles. On account of the darkness of the night he was four hours making the trip from North Adams. —Bennington Banner.

A Big Law Suit.

The Troy Times' Bennington correspondent writes: "One of the most important land cases ever heard in Vermont will be that of the Bennington & Glensbury railroad, Mining and Manufacturing company—practically the heirs of the late Trenor W. Park of Bennington—against the Newton brothers, John C. and Moses, the Deerfield River company, with some contractors who worked under them, for willful trespass in cutting timber on lands of the former in Glensbury, near Bennington, a son-in-law of Park, is the chief one in pushing the suit. The Newtons, who reside in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where they carried on a large business, also operate a large pulp mill and other business at Readsboro, Bennington county, were served with attachments on property in Readsboro and Wilmington about a year and a half ago. The suit will probably be called at the December term of the County Court at Bennington, but it may not be tried by a jury, such cases being usually decided by a referee. The suit is for \$30,000, and to the extent of 16,000 acres is covered by it, and the claim is for triple damages under the statute applying to the cutting of trees entirely without right. The Newtons claim title under deeds from people who claim to be the heirs-at-law of several of the original grantees of Glensbury. These deeds run to Charles S. Chase, a Washington lawyer, and Chase in turn made the deeds over to the Newtons. Under this color title the defendants and their contractors did extensive lumbering operations, cutting trees on lots that cover 16,000 acres. The Bennington and Glensbury company claim that it and their predecessors in title can show ownership of the land for half a century, paying taxes on the same, building a railroad into the forests into the mountains, constructing large mills, and for a period of 20 years doing a large business there. The rail road was given up a few years ago, as the company had removed all the soft timber that would pay. Lawyer O. M. Barber of Arlington, E. G. Bacon of Sunderland and Norman Mattison of Glensbury, assisted by a number of Woodford men, have begun to run out the lines contiguous to Woodford, Glensbury and Somerset between the lands owned by the Newtons and General McCullough."

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There are four candidates in the field for the office of postmaster: Sheriff J. A. Eldridge, Elmer Walden, B. Frank Mather and S. J. Kellogg. Mr. Eldridge served as postmaster for four years under the Harrison administration and his qualifications are consequently known. His knowledge of politics and acquaintance and friendship with influential men make him a strong candidate. Mr. Walden has been assistant postmaster for a number of years, having served in that capacity under Postmasters Eldridge and Dunforth, and doubtless has a better knowledge of the details of the office work than any other man. He is 25 years old and a young man of excellent character and habits. He has a petition signed by many of the leading men of the town, including members of the college faculty, and many would be glad to have the appointment go to him because they believe him to be thoroughly fitted for the duties of the office and feel that his promotion would be in the line of civil service reform. Mr. Kellogg was a candidate for the office at the time Mr. Eldridge was appointed. Both he and Mr. Mather are old-line Republicans who have always stood faithfully by the party. Mr. Mather was formerly in business here for many years, but retired several years ago. All of the candidates will be busy until the appointment is made and at present it is risky to predict who will win.

The Band's Play.

The reserved seat chart for the comedy, "Is Marriage a Failure?" at the opera house on Friday evening of this week, will open at Severance's drug store Tuesday. Those desiring good seats should secure them at once as the boys are working hard and doing everything in their power to secure a big house. The comedy is a fine one and may be truly called "a laugh from start to finish." Mr. Allen is well pleased with the cast and a fine performance may be expected. Tickets are for sale by the band and at Severance's at 35 cents including a reserved seat.

A Practical Joke.

A practical joker stuck a tallow candle into one of the new gas lamps in Charlestown Saturday night, lighted it and then hung around to hear the remarks of passers-by, most of whom were too careless to notice that it was a candle instead of gas that was burning and roundly denounced the scheme to tax the fire district heavily for such poor light. The remarks made were far from complimentary to the district authorities and the gas company, and the candle burned itself out with but few knowing of the imposition to which they had been subjected.

A Freak of Nature.

W. E. Burr has a curiosity in the form of a half grown brown leghorn rooster which has four well developed legs and feet. Two of them are normal and the other two stick back much as a crane carries his legs when flying. The only use the rooster makes of the extra legs is to occasionally tip back upon them, taking a position somewhat resembling that of a country politician leaning against a fence. The bird is healthy and strong and it is the intention of Mr. Burr to exhibit him at the poultry show in North Adams in December.

A Pleasant Surprise.

James Green, foreman at the Boston finishing works, was married in New York last week to a lady who had just arrived from England. They were surprised at their home on Water street Monday evening by a party of friends, who assembled to welcome Mrs. Green and who presented to Mr. Green a handsome writing desk as a token of their esteem. Refreshments were served, and the evening was passed very pleasantly.

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plentiful this fall and already the hunters are after them. Harry Potter bagged three on Northwest hill the other day.

Will Quinn has been visiting friends in Boston for a few days.

E. E. Evans has engaged an upholsterer from the city for a limited time.

The street lamps were lighted Monday night for the first time and they gave every general satisfaction.

Lawrence, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dupel, died Sunday and the body was taken on the 8.18 train Monday night to Canada for burial.

William H. Beecher died Sunday of typhoid fever and peritonitis after an illness of two weeks' duration, aged 28 years. He was an employee of the Williamstown Manufacturing company and had lived in town for nearly 10 years. He leaves a wife. The remains were taken to Valatia, N. Y., for interment.

There will be an interesting service at Clark chapel this evening, when Rev. Edward Wilson will be assisted by other clergymen.

The Republican caucus to be held in the opera house Wednesday evening will not, it is said by some, be legal because the notices will not have been posted seven days, as required by law.

Mr. and Mrs. William Daniels of Poer-tankill, N. Y., are visiting in town.

P. H. William, Henry and Asa Daniels and Dwight Ingalls and his son walked to the summit of Greylock and return last Saturday.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republicans of the town of Williamstown are requested to meet in caucus at Waterman & Moore's opera house, Williamstown, Mass., on Wednesday evening, September 22, 1897, to choose delegates to the Republican State, Congressional, Councilor, County, Senatorial and Representative Conventions and to choose Town Committees for the year beginning January 1, 1898. This caucus to be held in accordance with the caucus act of 1895, and will be called to order by F. H. Daniels, chairman.

Republican Town Committee, J. H. WALDEN, Chairman.

By C. H. KING, Secretary.

HEMLOCK BROOK.

Miss Abbie Giles, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home in Troy last week.

Mrs. Ford, with her daughter, Millicent, visited her other daughter, Mrs. Anna Torrey, lately.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith called at Mr. Henry Russell's Sunday.

Miss Ada Ware of Albany is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Brookman, and making other calls on acquaintances in the south part of the town.

Mrs. Fanny Brimmer of Berlin, N. Y., with her son, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Sunday.

A large percentage of decayed potatoes or a phenomenally small yield of sound ones to the acre, is about the average thing so far as that crop is concerned. Digging is well under way. Many farmers will have none to spare for marketing, so the good prices prevailing will be no direct help to them. Corn has ripened fast within the last two weeks and is now being cut.

That the silo has come to stay there can be no doubt. It is about as necessary an adjunct to profitable farming as the thrasher or reaper. J. F. Prindle, with his large dairy and big milk route, now has a surplus of hay to sell, instead of being obliged to buy as he did before building his large silo. More and more of our farmers are realizing these manifest advantages and taking hold of them. H. J. Pense has just completed a new silo 15x13 feet in dimensions, with a depth of 7 1/2 feet, all solid masonry. He will begin filling it at once. Ed. Blake, who has a reputation as a first-class stone mason, did the work, and will be called to build a cellar for S. A. Hickox and son, who, having finished the filling of still another new silo on their west farm, are now getting ready for the building of a new house there. Sampson Sanders is still another who has been forced to a belief in the silo, and has lately finished and filled one on his farm. It was built of wood, in a substantial manner, by Frank Foster.

The time for hunting was ushered in last Wednesday. Since that time the echoes of shot guns have reverberated from the wooded hills about here, from rosy morn till the shades of night begin to deepen over the landscape, so much so that the squirrels have become frantically wild and are fast decamping to the York state side of the mountains to seek immunity from their enemies. One of the hired men on Bee hill, who is somewhat excitable, shot two woodchucks, then a gray, and soon after, by chance, a large fox. This, to him, crowning feat, made him so excited that he ignored all chances for more game, and hurried home to exhibit the last prize, forgetting, not only the rest of his game, but his gun as well. This, at least was the rumor, but it is understood that he denies it.

Osmyn B. Blake and Miss Inez Cummings were married at the home of the bride's father, George Cummings, last Saturday at 8 p. m., Rev. Mr. Wilson of the Methodist church performing the ceremony. The bridegroom is a trusted employee of J. F. Prindle of Bee hill where he has worked for several years, and is a young man of good habits and respected by all. The bride is well known as a young lady of character, who has a host of friends and well wishes. A number of nice presents were received.

Look out for the "Fog Top" for sale by J. F. Conlon, 32 Main street.

NEWSTATE.

A. E. Bliss went to Adams last Saturday through the kindness of A. W. Burnett, Frank Hillman and wife of Northampton made a short call at A. E. and M. A. Bliss' last Sunday. Mr. Hillman worked for A. E. Bliss more than 20 years ago.

Miss Mary Pierce and Ernest Sturtevant of South Savoy visited at S. T. Cain's and A. E. Bliss' recently.

Rev. Mr. A. Bartor preached at this church last Sunday to a good audience and will preach again on October 3.

Robert Harris and Milton Bliss are at work for H. J. Arnold on old Greylock, cutting white birch timber.

Frank B. Ford and wife and their son Arthur attended the fair at Charlemont last Thursday and Friday.

Thoughtful People Investigate when they Buy. Welcome Soap Courts investigation. If everybody investigated Thoroughly, everybody Would buy Welcome Soap. It has no equal. And is always reliable.

SAVOY.

As Frank Harris and Lewis Bondack were returning from Adams they met with a little accident. They were walking up the mountain behind their team which soon got the start and began running. It ran against Herbert Stone's team, injuring one of his horses. Mr. Harris' carriage was completely demolished.

Francis Tubbs, formerly of Savoy, is a guest at Forest Lake.

Harry Tower of Florida was the guest of Willis Blanchard on Saturday.

A young gentleman of Adams, who by the way is an amateur photographer, while sojourning in this town amused himself by taking a few pictures that he thought would be pleasing to the eye. Among the number was one of a nice young lady. Next came a young lad that had a small calf harnessed to a wagon. Both were very nice, but when he came to develop his pictures he found that he had used but one plate, and what a mixture of girl, boy and calf!

There were quite a number from this part of the town that attended the fair at Charlemont, but not nearly as many as usual.

Ferris Sherman and wife of Connecticut have been visiting relatives in this town. Willis Blanchard of Savoy, accompanied by E. R. Burnett and Lyman Raborg of Florida, spent two days of last week at Plainfield pond camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hillman of Hawley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bliss on Sunday.

There was a large delegation from this town attended the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Barnett of Florida on Wednesday, September 15, where an enjoyable evening was passed.

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Woman's Corner Word Contest

Three Rich Prizes

The recent contest, for the Souvenir Spoon, was of such spirited character, that the WOMAN'S CORNER of the TRANSCRIPT has determined to give a prize of

First Prize—\$20 in Gold to the person making out the largest list of words from the letters in the two words "The Transcript."

Second Prize—Handsome 3-Piece Silver Tea Service, furnished by L. M. Barnes, the Wilson House Block Jeweler, and to be seen in his window.

Third Prize—Eastman's Finest Kodak, Bull's Eye No. 2, Price \$8, furnished by F. G. Fountain, headquarters for Cameras, Bank Street, and to be seen in his window.

The only condition required, to become eligible, is that each person entering this contest must be a new subscriber either to the Daily TRANSCRIPT, for one month, or the Weekly TRANSCRIPT for six months, or (if you are now a subscriber yourself) send in such new subscription for some one else not now a subscriber. The price of such subscription is only 50 cents. Get a new subscriber at the regular price and you are eligible to the contest.

A competitor's certificate, with full directions for making out the list of words will be sent to each person who complies with the above conditions. The rules are so simple that a ten-year-old boy or girl with pluck and perseverance can win the prize, but along with others we trust that all the ladies who have been interested in the Woman's Corner will try for it. Start immediately and take plenty of time. The contest will be closed and the gold awarded on October 1.

It costs you nothing to compete. You simply take the Daily TRANSCRIPT one month, or the Weekly TRANSCRIPT six months, at regular rates, if you are not now a subscriber. If you are now a subscriber, you will secure a new subscriber, or send one of these papers for this short period to some one not now a subscriber.

Everybody compete. You may be the lucky one to get the

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COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor's Message With Reference to the President McKinley Reception.

APPROPRIATION FOR RECEPTION.

Order Passed to Pave Church Street From Elmwood Avenue to Lawrence Avenue. Mr. Hamer's Motions. Deacon Perry's Courage.

An adjourned meeting of the city council was held last night and by dint of good rulings on the part of E. S. Wilkinson, who was in the chair, some business was transacted. Mr. Hamer evidently intended to be as "many" as he has been on previous occasions, but he didn't fully succeed. Mr. Wills was with Mr. Hamer in his loneliness.

The council was called to order by George B. Perry, President Brucewell not being present. E. S. Wilkinson was chosen president pro tem. The regular order of business was adopted and a communication from the mayor was read. It returned the sidepath league ordinance without the mayor's approval, because of its indefiniteness. It was suggested that the city engineer confer with a member of the league and decide upon a plan of constructing a sidepath, the league to deposit enough money with the city for the construction of the path. The communication was placed on file.

The following communication from the mayor with reference to President McKinley's visit was read by Clerk Brooker.

"It is expected that the president of the United States, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy and the attorney-general will be present in our city on Wednesday of this week. I am sure that the city council and the citizens of North Adams will gladly do all in their power to show their appreciation of the visit of such distinguished guests and will provide everything that will add to their comfort and welfare. I have taken the liberty to appoint a large number of special officers and have invited Sheriff Fuller and his deputies to be present. I have also ordered a temporary bridge to be built over the Hoosac river at the foot of Main street for the occasion; and also ordered carriages for the conveyance of the presidential party to the fair grounds. I would suggest that an appropriation be made for these and other necessary expenses from the contingent fund."

The chair said the matter was an ordinary one and hoped it would not be given more than ordinary attention. On motion of Mr. Tilton a committee consisting of Councilmen Tilton, Mort, Perry, Flag and Brown, was chosen to consider the proper appropriation to be made and report at the conclusion of the general order of business.

Councilman Mort, for the street committee reported favorably on the mayor's suggestion to pave Church street as far north as Lawrence avenue, but that it was not expedient to pave from Lawrence avenue to Bradley street. Mr. Hamer moved that the report be received and the chair informed him that such a motion was unnecessary. His motion was not recorded and of course was not put.

The same councilman asked if the committee on streets had any knowledge about what the state would do in the matter. Mr. Mort did not know of any special obligations. Some of the state officials had complained that a proper approach had not been made to the normal school and the city is under moral obligations to provide a suitable one. Mr. Hamer asked if the committee had considered the material for paving that street and he was told there was no motion before the house and until there was a motion the council would be irregular in doing business.

Mr. Bernard moved that City Engineer Enright confer with a person whom the sidepath league should select and make plans for a sidepath as outlined by the wheelmen and that the wheelmen deposit money for the construction of that sidepath, the surplus money if any to be returned to the league. The motion was carried.

Mr. Mort moved that the portion of Church street from Elmwood avenue to Lawrence avenue be paved with vitrified brick or other suitable material. Mr. Tilton amended the motion to include the grading and making of gutters and sidewalks between Lawrence avenue and Bradley street. Mr. Tilton withdrew his motion because it might conflict with the statute for permanent improvements.

Mr. Wills moved to go into the committee of the whole. The chair said the business was on the motion before the house. Mr. Hamer inquired if a committee of the whole was not proper. The chair conferred with the clerk and ruled it proper. Mr. Brown and Mr. Mort wondered what the advantage would be of Mr. Wills said the business was "mammoth" and Mr. Hamer said an advantage was that a councilman could talk as much as he pleased and ask questions. The motion to go into the committee of the whole was lost.

Mr. Bernard asked if a waiver of damages had been obtained from all abutters. A recent communication from the mayor was read to show that arrangements had been made with most of the abutters so that damages would not be claimed. Mr. Wills asked if there was not an ordinance prohibiting the changing of a grade without all rights to damages being waived. The chair said there had been a recommendation to that effect, but that could be superseded by the action of the council. Mr. Perry wanted to know if the proposed action would not involve the city. The chair said the mayor had said no. Mr. Hamer was told there was no city ordinance prohibiting the changing of grade without a waiver of damages and Mr. Tilton was told that probably no retaining walls would be built.

Mr. Whitaker gave figures showing that \$35,400 would pay for paving Marshall, Main and the part of Church street in question. Fifty thousand dollars have been authorized out of the permanent improvement loan and now only \$5,000 would be asked for. It was the original plan to ask for \$25,000, but changed conditions make a much smaller sum necessary.

Mr. Mort explained that it was the intention only to establish the grade and to

build sidewalks on Church street this year and leave the paving to another year.

Mr. Hamer talked about what he was glad to see, the normal school and other things, but he thought that a gravel street would be more in keeping with the surroundings at the normal school than a brick pavement, for he was in Poughkeepsie and found the folks there dissatisfied with a smooth brick pavement on which horses feet slipped. The roll was called and there were 14 yeas and two nays, Messrs. Hamer and Wills.

Mr. Whitaker moved the borrowing of \$5,000 at a rate not to exceed 3 1/2 per cent. Messrs. Hamer and Wills voted against the order, but it was carried.

Mr. Hamer moved that the commissioner of public works report the part the Hoosac Valley Street railroad will pay towards the Main street bridge and how much the abutments cost and if they were built by contract. Mr. Perry moved to amend that the commissioner "be requested." Mr. Hamer would not accept the amendment. He thought a certain councilman wanted to amend every motion he made. Mr. Perry hoped he would have the grace to amend every motion that needed amending. He thought Mr. Hamer's motion showed that it needed amending: "Ordered that the commissioner report." The motion was carried as amended.

Then there was offered the following motion by Mr. Hamer.

Ordered, "That the commissioner of public works tell the council by what right he is doing such extensive and expensive work in the Union tearing up a good walk, one of the best in the city, laid only a short time ago with grate curbing; also, who ordered the change in the grade of the street and all the expenses contemplated. Is there any understanding with Houghton and Gallup that they are to pay any part of the expense? Why has this work been begun without consulting the council?"

The councilman presenting this order had a long talk about it, and had such definite information to give the council as "a man told him who said he was told by another man," etc. Mr. Hamer was very serious about the "doing" in the Union while other folks were mildly convulsed. A few councilmen had remarks to make and Mr. Perry very courteously set out to say something. He made the partial declaration that if he was an executive officer and the council addressed an order to him like the one introduced by Mr. Hamer he would say "the council be—". Here the session stopped for fear he would say something that would unfit him for the next communion, but he thought the swear word just the same and the council caught on and killed Mr. Hamer's motion.

Mr. Tilton moved that sidewalks, gutters and grade be built and established on Church street from Lawrence avenue to Devonport street and the motion was passed to a second reading.

Mr. Hamer moved that the commissioner of public works locate the lines of West Main streets from Phoenix bridge to the Williamstown line and request the county commissioners to do it if necessary. The motion was carried. Mr. Hamer also moved that the chairman of the school committee report why the Braytonville and Johnson street school lots were not graded during the summer vacation. It was so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Perry, who reported for the special committee, \$750 was appropriated from the contingent fund to pay expenses incurred because of the president's visit to the city.

A few minor reports were heard and the weary disgusted council booted a motion to adjourn as if it had been buttered on both sides.

Don't let the still hunt against E. E. Merchant for register succeed tonight at the gauges.

Every Lawrence man should be at the gauges tonight.

Delegates Elected.

At the regular meeting of the Father Mathew society Monday the following delegates were elected to attend the annual convention of the Springfield Diocesan Catholic temperance societies to be held at Turner's Falls, October 7 and 8: John Larkin, C. T. Donovan, James McSheen and P. H. McMahon. C. T. McCarthy, county vice president will also attend, representing Berkshire county societies. This promises to be one of the most interesting conventions ever held by the union.

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Grand Floral Parade.

A grand floral parade will be held at the fair grounds at Pittsfield Saturday afternoon at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Pittsfield Kindergarten association. Over 300 people are expected to participate and the affair promises to be one of the finest of the kind ever held in this vicinity. Admission will be 25 cents.

THE BIGGEST FISH.

Dr. Hobbie's Nephew Lands a Rousing Pickerel from Cossayuna Lake.

Ned Hobbie, 13 years old, of Greenwich, N. Y., a nephew of Dr. J. R. Hobbie of this city, made the greatest catch of the season at Cossayuna lake, N. Y., last Friday. It was a pickerel measuring three feet and three inches in length and weighing 14 pounds. The weighing and measuring were done by Robert Hamilton, proprietor of the Hobbie house in Greenwich, in the presence of numerous witnesses and the figures are correct. The fish was caught with hook and line and the boy now stands as king of all the fishermen in that section.

Let every friend of George P. Lawrence who is a Republican be at his ward caucus tonight. Defeat the still hunters.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Young Men's Christian Association Round Up the Year.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS NOTICED

The Treasury is Fuller Than Before. The Reports of the Officers Very Satisfactory. Secretary Lovejoy Sums Things Up.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian association was held Monday evening. The nominating committee reported the following list of officers which was accepted and the officers elected:

President, George W. Darby; vice-president, T. W. Sykes; treasurer, R. L. Chase; directors, George W. Chase, C. W. Dennett, E. E. Byam, George Hopkins, J. H. Emigh, E. S. Wilkinson, W. W. Butler, C. E. Winchell, M. V. N. Brame, James T. Mitchell, E. E. Benner, C. W. Gallup and I. F. Hall. The nominating committee, T. W. Sykes, George Hopkins, D. Bingham, E. Hoag and E. E. Lovejoy; executive committee, G. M. Darby, T. W. Sykes, C. E. Winchell, E. S. Wilkinson, George W. Chase, R. L. Chase, C. W. Gallup, W. W. Butler and W. H. Pritchard; entertainment, W. L. Loyne, George Hopkins, E. E. Byam; religious work committee, Z. Jarvis, J. H. Emigh, Harry Whitaker, W. T. Marshal, Fred Perry, David Bingham, William Cordium, W. E. Corbett, R. A. Thompson, E. A. Bond, M. V. N. Brame, James Mitchell, Mr. Carpenter; information and relief, E. A. Bond, W. J. Trumble, L. D. Marcellus; social department, W. L. Pratt, W. W. Darby, W. J. McNeill Jr., F. Burnham, W. H. Tucker, Fred Hooker, E. M. Hoag, Jason Brame, M. T. Jones, F. W. Bartlett, John Walden, Leonard Mignot, John Pollock, K. H. Pierce; rooms, C. E. Winchell, J. H. Emigh and C. W. Gallup; educational, I. F. Hall, J. H. Emigh, C. W. Dennett, E. E. Byam, W. E. Benner, F. G. Murdoch; boys work, E. T. Cook, W. A. Whitaker, James Mitchell, M. A. Thompson, T. C. Henderson; membership, George W. Taylor, Charles Mosher, John Walden, W. L. Pratt, Howard Lewis and W. Rider.

The reports of the several secretaries were very encouraging. Secretary Lovejoy reported very fully. He gave credit to the directors and committeemen for the work that had been accomplished during the year and found much to encourage when the year's work is compared with the years preceding. There is a small falling off in membership. The present membership is 333 in the senior department, 67 in the junior department. The year was marked by increased interest in religious work and by the inauguration of an educational department. The average attendance at the Sunday meetings was 33. Five open air meetings have averaged 200 to 300 attendance. Fourteen services of a bible class and nine of a training class were attended by 190 young men. Ten have accepted Christ as their savior, and six have joined some church.

Classes were formed in penmanship, arithmetic and book-keeping. Twenty-six young men were enrolled in penmanship, eight in book-keeping and six in arithmetic. Eight receptions have been held with over 300 attendance at each. The work of the Ladies' auxiliary and young people's societies was commended as was the work of the entertainment committee. The reading rooms have been well patronized and the bicycle club, camera club and banjo and mandolin clubs have progressed well. The problem of relief was carefully handled.

In the boy's department there are 67 paid up members and the work in this department has been well looked after by the assistant secretary and the Ladies' auxiliary. The secretary in closing his report stated that the membership of the North Adams association is above the average of the state.

Superintendent I. F. Hall reported for the educational committee and gave more of the facts that Secretary Lovejoy had covered and added that during 1897 it was the intention to establish classes in penmanship, mechanical drawing, bookkeep-

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ing, English and arithmetic. He added that classes in physiology and chemistry under Prof. Murdoch and Prof. Guss may be established at the normal school. Lectures will be given in the Y.M.C.A. rooms on "bible history" literature and other subjects.

E. E. Byam reported for entertainment committee and showed the success of the association in arranging the excellent series of entertainments that the association will offer this winter. W. W. Darby reported on the work of the reception committee, speaking of the successful and profitable receptions held during the year.

The treasurer's report showed that there is \$94.27 in the treasury. The gymnasium fund is \$182.62, \$100 of which was given by Cascade lodge of Blackinton.

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To Hold Whist Parties.

John Wall, John Mullen and James Beckley were appointed a committee by the Father Mathew society to confer with the Ladies' Aid society to hold a series of whist parties for the entertainment of members as soon as possible.

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